

HAS CERVERA'S WATCH

**LIEUT. BETTIS, OF THE 23D KANSAS,
BRINGS IT HOME FROM CUBA.**

Given the Officer by the Pilot Who Guided the Admiral's Ship Out of Santiago Bay—Has Cervera's Name and Crest.

WICHITA, KAS., Jan. 27.—(Special.) Lieutenant W. A. Bettis, Company E, Twenty-third Kansas, now at his home in this city on a sixty days' furlough, is the owner of the watch worn by the Spanish admiral, Cervera, just before he made that mad rush out of Santiago bay last 3rd of July.

The watch is shown in the two pictures, which were made from photographs. It is diamond jeweled and has the coat of arms of the Cervera family on the outside case, and on the inside cover of the works the name Paschal Cervera.



CERVERA'S WATCH (INNER CASE) AND CHAIN.

flag or ship. The admiral called again in the name of the king, and finally one brave man rushed to his side and volunteered to take the watch. The admiral then turned his hand to his shipmates and walked down toward the wharf, accompanied by the admiral. A crowd called to him, and he waved his hand in farewell. "Take this, my brave fellow," he said, "and wear it as a token of my esteem and high regard for your bravery."

The crowd cheered and waved their hats and handkerchiefs as the launch pulled away from the wharf.

During the engagement the pilot like many others was wounded. He swam to the shore and hid for a day. He thought he would be killed by the Cubans. Finally he made his way to the town of San Juan, where he remained until the American troops arrived. Here he made the acquaintance of Lieutenant Betts. The lieutenant could speak Spanish and the pilot confided to him that it was his great wish to see the United States. He told him that he was sick and wounded and without money. The lieutenant then gave him an undershirt a package of cloth and unfolding it brought out the watch that had belonged to the pilot's father.

The pilot came to his eyes and with a trembling voice he told how he came into possession of the watch. The lieutenant then offered to take the watch and give him in exchange money enough to pay his passage home to Spain.

Lieutenant Betts was stricken later with



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Cuban malaria and when strong enough to travel was sent home on a fuzlough. He left San Luis on the transport Berlin, December 27, and after touching at Porto Rico ports reached New York ten days later, when he stopped for a short time before leaving for his home. During the voyage several passengers offered the lieutenant large sums for the watch, and since his arrival home he has had letters from Boston, New York and Kentucky asking him to set a price on the watch. Lieutenant

ant Bettis has settled all possible chances of a future lawsuit by purchasing the property of any outside of his family, by promising it to his son, and by giving him the deed. The young man is this valuable trophy on the day that he is graduated from the Wlehtia high school, of which he now a student.

Lieutenant Bettis was editor of the National Reflector before he enlisted in the United States army. He was also a Spanish-American newspaper in some place in Cuba or Porto Rico after serving his time with his regiment.

Reverent Him.

From the Chicago Tribune.

A large, self-possessed woman, certainly past middle age, stepped into Dearborn street barber shop, with a small, blinking, sore-eyed dog under her arm.

Every barber not at work on a customer looked up at her, to the confusion.

"I don't know whether I have come to the right place or not," she said. "I was told there was a barber shop up here, but here where I could have my little dog shampooed. Can you do it here?"

"Yes," said the operator, gliding presiding at the chair nearest the front door, with dignity. "Nichols," he called, turning to the man in the stocklock, "give the lady's dog a shampoo. Use the brush."

Last Time.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer.

"The first art, you know, is supposed to cover a period of twenty years."

"What a long time between drinks!"